

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, January 9, 2017.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

ALSO PRESENT were Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager; David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager; John Shay, City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of Greenbelt resident Mary Anne McAndrew Scott and former residents Patricia Wynkoop-Washington and Robert Joseph Janus. Mr. Roberts then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mr. Putens that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Minutes:

Work Session, December 5, 2016

Interview, December 12, 2016

Work Session, January 3, 2017

Approved as presented.

Committee Reports:

Advisory Committee on Education, Report #2017-1 (Grant Proposals - 2017):

Council accepted this report and will consider it on the agenda of the next meeting.

Reappointment to Advisory Group: Council reappointed Cindy Comproni to a new term on the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Resignation from Advisory Group: Council accepted the resignation of Coleen Chernikoff from the Employee Relations Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Mach requested "Appointment to Advisory Board" be added to the agenda. With this addition, she moved that the agenda be approved. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Service Award Pins: Mayor Jordan recognized Councilmember Putens for his 35 years of service on Council and Councilmember Roberts for his 25 years of service on Council.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS: Colin Byrd, Mathew Street, said that organizations in support of law enforcement officers nationwide are promoting today as National Law Enforcement

Appreciation Day (LEAD). He suggested Council recognize LEAD when meeting on this date in the future. Mayor Jordan and Councilmembers noted their appreciation of police officers of the Greenbelt Police Department and all law enforcement officers.

Mr. Byrd also questioned the last time the water in water fountains in the City had been tested for lead. Mr. McLaughlin said staff will check.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Minutes – Executive Session of November 22, 2016: Ms. Davis moved that the minutes of the executive session of the City Council held Tuesday, November 22, 2016, at 7:10 p.m., in the Council Room of the Municipal Building be approved as presented. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(1) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, to consider a personnel matter (discussion of interviews for the City Manager position).

Ms. Pope seconded.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Davis	-	yes
Mr. Herling	-	yes
Ms. Mach	-	yes
Ms. Pope	-	yes
Mr. Putens	-	yes
Mr. Roberts	-	no
Mayor Jordan	-	yes

Minutes – Executive Session of November 28, 2016: Ms. Davis moved that the minutes of the executive session of the City Council held Monday, November 28, 2016, at 10:36 p.m., in the Library of the Municipal Building be approved as presented. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(1) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, to consider a personnel matter (discussion of interviews for the City Manager position).

Mr. Herling seconded.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Davis	-	yes
Mr. Herling	-	yes
Ms. Mach	-	yes
Ms. Pope	-	yes
Mr. Putens	-	yes
Mr. Roberts	-	yes
Mayor Jordan	-	yes

Statement for the Record - Executive Session of December 12, 2016: Ms. Davis moved that in accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-306(c)(2) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that Council met in executive session on Monday, December 12, 2016, at

9:50 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(1) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, to consider a personnel matter (contract negotiations for the City Manager position).

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Davis	X			
Mr. Herling	X			
Ms. Mach	X			
Ms. Pope	X			
Mr. Putens	X			
Mr. Roberts		X		
Mayor Jordan	X			

The following staff member was in attendance: John Shay, City Solicitor.

Other individuals in attendance: Joellen Earl, Chief Executive Officer – GovHR USA (by conference call).

Council took no actions during this session.

Mr. Putens seconded.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Davis - yes
Mr. Herling - yes
Ms. Mach - yes
Ms. Pope - yes
Mr. Putens - yes
Mr. Roberts - no
Mayor Jordan - yes

Minutes – Executive Session of December 12, 2016: Ms. Davis moved that the minutes of the executive session of the City Council held Monday, December 12, 2016, at 9:50 p.m., in the Library of the Municipal Building be approved as presented. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(1) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, to consider a personnel matter (contract negotiations for the City Manager position).

Ms. Mach seconded.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Davis - yes
Mr. Herling - yes
Ms. Mach - yes
Ms. Pope - yes

Mr. Putens - yes
 Mr. Roberts - no
 Mayor Jordan - yes

Statement for the Record - Executive Session of January 3, 2017: Ms. Davis moved that in accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-306(c)(2) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that Council met in executive session on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, at 8:05 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(1) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, to consider a personnel matter (contract negotiations for the City Manager position).

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Davis	X			
Mr. Herling	X			
Ms. Mach	X			
Ms. Pope	X			
Mr. Putens	X			
Mr. Roberts		X		
Mayor Jordan	X			

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McLaughlin, City Manager, and John Shay, City Solicitor.

Other individuals in attendance: None

Council took no actions during this session.

Mr. Herling seconded.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Davis - yes
 Mr. Herling - yes
 Ms. Mach - yes
 Ms. Pope - yes
 Mr. Putens - yes
 Mr. Roberts - no
 Mayor Jordan - yes

Statement for the Record - Executive Session of January 4, 2017: Ms. Davis moved that in accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-306(c)(2) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, moved the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that Council met in executive session on Wednesday, January 4, 2017, at

7:01 p.m. in Room 201 of the Greenbelt Community Center. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(9) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, to discuss collective bargaining negotiations between the City and Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 32.

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Davis	X			
Mr. Herling	X			
Ms. Mach	X			
Ms. Pope				X (arrived at 7:26pm)
Mr. Putens				X (arrived at 7:16pm)
Mr. Roberts	X			
Mayor Jordan	X			

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; Tom Kemp, Acting Police Chief; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Other individuals in attendance: Stephen Silvestri, Legal Counsel, and Andrew Baskin, Associate to Legal Counsel.

Council took no actions during this session.

Mr. Putens seconded.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	-	yes
	Mr. Herling	-	yes
	Ms. Mach	-	yes
	Ms. Pope	-	yes
	Mr. Putens	-	yes
	Mr. Roberts	-	yes
	Mayor Jordan	-	yes

Statement for the Record - Executive Session of January 4, 2017: Ms. Davis moved that in accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-306(c)(2) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that Council met in executive session on Wednesday, January 4, 2017, at 9:43 p.m. in Room 201 of the Greenbelt Community Center. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(3) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, to consider the acquisition of real property.

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Davis	X			
Mr. Herling	X			
Ms. Mach	X			
Ms. Pope	X			
Mr. Putens	X			
Mr. Roberts	X			
Mayor Jordan	X			

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McLaughlin, City Manager, and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Other individuals in attendance: None

Council took no actions during this session.

Mr. Putens seconded.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Davis - yes
Mr. Herling - yes
Ms. Mach - yes
Ms. Pope - yes
Mr. Putens - yes
Mr. Roberts - yes
Mayor Jordan - yes

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Mr. McLaughlin announced that volunteers were needed for an environmental project on Monday, January 16th, at Buddy Attick Park. He noted that this project was part of several Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service events being held throughout the area.

LEGISLATION:

A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of a Five (5) Year Officer Safety Plan Package for Police Body Cameras from Taser International of Scottsdale, Arizona for Five (5) Years at a Total Cost of \$312,188.70

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Pope introduced the resolution for second reading and moved that it be adopted.

Mr. Herling seconded.

Colin Byrd, Mathew Street, expressed his support for the use of body cameras for police officers but expressed concern about the lack of a bid process. Mayor Jordan noted the limited number of vendors available for this type of purchase. He also stressed that the

Police Department had conducted a very thorough evaluation of numerous body worn cameras and evidence management platforms that included a month long pilot program using four (4) cameras deployed with front line patrol officers.

Mr. Roberts expressed concern that it will be up to the police officer to activate the equipment and suggested it be activated automatically. Sgt. White explained that Taser has a new technology (Axon) available for a vehicle mounted signal that can be activated by several methods. He said the Department plans to test the Axon technology for operation within its vehicles. Sgt. White said if the Department determines that this equipment is beneficial, its recommended purchase would be brought back to Council at a later date.

Acting Chief Kemp explained the policy regarding the use of the equipment by officers is the industry standard. He noted that staff is constantly monitoring changing processes and best practices regarding the industry standard and the Department's policy will be updated as necessary.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Davis	-	yes
Mr. Herling	-	yes
Ms. Mach	-	yes
Ms. Pope	-	yes
Mr. Putens	-	yes
Mr. Roberts	-	yes
Mayor Jordan	-	yes

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 2049, Book 8).

SELECTION OF NEW CITY MANAGER AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis noted the public process that had been incorporated into the selection of the new City Manager.

Mr. Putens moved that Council approve the contract to employ Nicole Ard as the new city manager and authorize Mayor Jordan to sign the contract. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Councilmembers noted their attendance at the following activities and events:

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Air Quality Committee
Conference Call – Ms. Mach
COG Annual Meeting – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Herling and Ms. Mach
Clean Air Partners Meeting Conference Call – Ms. Mach
National League of Cities Human Development Committee Conference Call – Ms. Mach
COG Transportation Planning Board Meeting – Mr. Herling
Federal Communications Commission Visit regarding Cell Tower Public Input Process – Mr. Herling
Employee Holiday Party – Ms. Davis, Mr. Herling, Ms. Mach, Ms. Pope and Mr. Putens

Public Scoping Meeting on Environmental Impact Study for Maglev Project – Ms. Davis
Snow Queen Performance by Greenbelt Dance Studio – Ms. Davis
Holiday Lights Concert by Greenbelt Concert Band – Ms. Davis
Roosevelt Center Merchants Association Meeting – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach and
Mr. Putens
Evening with Friends Event at Greenbelt Arts Center – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr.
Herling, Ms. Mach and Mr. Putens
Investiture Ceremony for Prince George’s County Judge Ingrid Turner – Ms. Davis and
Ms. Mach

COUNCIL REPORTS: Ms. Davis presented a report from the National League of Cities’
Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee meeting.

APPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY GROUP: Ms. Mach moved that Council appoint Winard
Britt to the Arts Advisory Board. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule.

RECOGNITION OF CITY MANAGER: Council expressed its appreciation to Mr. McLaughlin
for his 37 years of dedicated service to the Greenbelt community.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Mach moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Putens seconded. The
motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Jordan adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, January 9, 2017, at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Murray
City Clerk

"I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct report of the regular meeting
of the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, held January 9, 2017.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor